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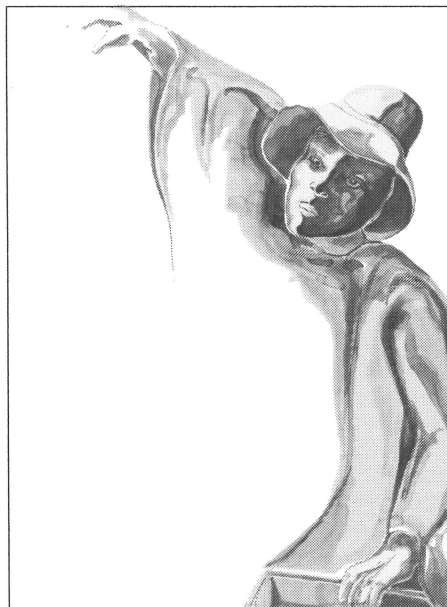
ARTS NEWS

Performance of "Our Town" in early April

Production at Redeemer College is underway for the play "Our Town" by Thornton Wilder.

The Play, under the direction of Ray Louter, involves a cast of thirteen, and is being presented by Redeemer College Theatre Arts Department. "What drew me to this play," says Professor Louter, "was observing that the events represented in it were very much like the everyday events that take place right here in our own town."

The play depicts the lives of two families in small town America between 1899 and 1914 and evokes movingly, a way of life which is lost in our present turmoil. "Our Town" is divided into three acts: childhood, love and marriage, and death and is multi-layered, meaning that several characters each take turn at being a story teller and then resume their



part in the story. The Philadelphia Public Ledger describes it as "an exciting theatrical experience, moving in its drama, expressive in its philosophy and fascinating in its technique."

Performances of "Our Town" will take place on April 7, 8, and 9. Tickets at \$6.50 - adults, \$5.00 - students/seniors and \$15.00 - family and are available from Redeemer College. ♦♦

New awards

Redeemer College is pleased to announce the following two awards:

1. French Merit Award: This award is for students who have declared an interest in a French major at Redeemer College. To qualify, students must have achieved 75% in their French OAC or an advanced grade 12 French course. In addition they must be willing to live in a French immersion residence on campus and commit to taking French 121 and 122 during their first year. (Cont'd...)

FROM THE PRESIDENT

On January 11, we started our winter semester at the College. After Christmas and the New Year it was exciting to welcome the students back, and to hear from them about how good it was at home.

For the second semester we enrolled an additional nine students, so that for the academic year 1987/88 we have enrolled a total of 346 students for a Full Time Equivalent of 306. Needless to say we are extremely grateful for the growth which we have experienced over the last few years. For the next academic year we have a record number of applicants. We are looking forward to welcoming a record number of students in September 1988.

We urge new students to apply as soon as possible so that they may qualify for all possible financial assistance.

In July 1987, the Redeemer College Foundation was formed. We told you

about that in previous issues of Reflections. Many people responded to our request to become members of the Foundation, so that through this association we were able to lower the deficit substantially and were able to establish lower tuition for 1988/89. We trust that the Lord will bless the work of the Foundation. Elsewhere in this issue tuition details for the new academic year can be found. I'm sure that both students and parents will be pleased with the progress made in tuition cost.

Please continue to pray that the Lord will mold the minds of those who are studying our request for expanded degree-granting powers. As you know, this matter has been before the government for close to three years. We now have received indications that sometime this spring or summer a decision will be made by the Ontario Council on University Affairs, after which the government

will make a decision on our request.

We are supported in our request by many universities.

Our graduates who went on to do graduate work at different universities, have done well and have earned the respect of these universities. Our Professors, who have done outstanding work, deserve a lot of credit for this turn of events.

Fundraising continues on a low profile. We are asking many to become members of Redeemer College. Our thanks goes to our many members and supporters for their generous contributions. We praise the Lord for His constant care over us. Please continue to support us both in prayer and in your contributions.

May God richly bless you.

Henry DeBolster ♦♦

Students who meet the conditions noted above will be entitled to take one course per semester free of charge in the first year, (a value of \$585 per semester in 1988/89 figures).

2. Math and Sciences Merit Award: This award is for students who have declared an interest in a Math or Science major at Redeemer College. To qualify, students must have achieved 75% in their math and science OAC or advanced grade 12 courses. In addition they must commit to taking two math and/or two science courses at the 121-122 level in each of the first two semesters.

The students who meet the conditions noted above will be entitled to take one course per semester free of charge in the first year, (a value of \$585 per semester in 88/89 figures). ♦♦

NEWS BRIEFS

Helen Vreugdenhil
Alumna, Helen Vreugdenhil (1987), has become the first Redeemer College graduate to be accepted into a PhD program. Helen, who was one of the first to be notified of her acceptance, is currently completing her Masters program in History at the University of Toronto and will begin her PhD studies there in September.

More recognition for the College: Redeemer College graduates are now eligible to be considered for admission at the Faculty of Education of the University of Toronto. In a recent communique to Vice-President Academic, Justin Cooper, Associate Registrar, Gerald Whyte said, "We had, indeed, not been advised of the change in (AUCC) status of Redeemer College and I thank you for drawing it to my attention. We will now be able to proceed with the assessment of ... any ... of your students who receive their degrees after October, 1987."

Keep 'em coming

According to Admissions Director, Mark VanBeveren, applications for the 1988/89 academic year are arriving in much greater numbers than ever before. As of February 26, the College had received 102 applications, representing an increase of 62%

over last year at that time.

Board members call prospects

For a second year in a row, the members of the Board of Governors telephoned prospective students on behalf of the Admissions Department. Results are encouraging. "One student's parents were so pleased that Board members took the time to call", said Mark VanBeveren, Admissions Director, "that they submitted the student's application within days."

OCAA champions!

The Women's Volleyball team won the Tier II championships of the Ontario College Athletic Association in straight games.

Pauline Kaldeway and Betty Dykerman were voted league all-stars. Monique Vreugdenhil was named to the tournament all-star team and Betty Dykerman was the tournament MVP.

RRSP's

February 29th marked the close of a busy season in the development office at Redeemer College. In January and February alone, over \$1,000,000 in RRSP contributions came in. 92 new accounts were started, bringing the total number of Redeemer College RSP holders to over 600.

During the same period last year, \$850,000 was received in annual contributions. For the first time the school's bank debt is less than its privately placed debt. During the past two months, the bank loans have fallen to \$5.4 million.

March 1st spells the end of contributions for the 1987 tax year, however, transfers of existing plans and contributions for 1988 are always welcome, and can be handled without income tax implications.

Community Representatives' day

On Saturday, February 13th, forty Community Representatives (Reps) from across the province gathered on campus for the first Community Reps Day. The enthusiastic group participated in seminars by Development and Admissions Departments and attended the Organ Inaugural Concert with Christiaan Teeuwssen that evening.

A day is being planned on April 16th for those who didn't attend or have been recently appointed. It will include tickets to the Overduin and Schultz concert that evening. ♦♦

SCHOLARSHIPS AND AWARDS 1987/88

1) Honours Scholarship for Returning Students (\$1,100.00):

Beth Anne Bakker	Helena Dryfhout
Mary Bom	Ken Kiers
Eric Brouwer	Dick Kievit
Jacqueline DeJong	Ray Vander Kooij
	Christopher Vriend

2) Merit Scholarships for Returning Students (\$750.00):

Alan Bakker	Michael Koke
Susan Bernhardt	Henry Lammers
Nancy Booy	Rosanne Lenos
Joy Bouwers	Chris Schotsman
Jeremy Cook	Erick Schuringa
Rodney DeKoter	Grace Sikma
Ruth Ann Dykstra	Shirley Smid
Vicky Dykstra	Karen Struiksma
Jennifer Heida	Alisha Van Belle
Theo Hoekstra	Carol Van Ankum
Jim Huinink	Joyce Van Gorp
Jacqueline Kodde	Michael Van Gorp

3) Honours Scholarships for Entering Students (\$1,100.00):

Bradley Antonides	Marlene Regnerus
Faith Benschop	Frances Strooband
Teresa Boer	Judy Van Arragon
Irene Bom	Lori Van den
Marya Bootsma	Boogaard
Jeffrey Dam	Debbie
Joy DeWaard	VanderEnde
Maureen	Deanna van Dijk
Elgersman	Michael Van
William Fledderus	Lingen
Janice Gibbons	Andrew
Michele Kat	Vreugdenhil
Michael Kooy	Heather Wind
Denise	
Langendoen	

F.J. Reinders Scholarship (\$1,000)

Michael VanLingen

Art Vander Stelt Memorial Bursary (\$250)

Christine Zietsma

Henry Meinema Bursaries (\$250)

Greg Hiemstra Gerdy Prinzen

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Redeemer College offers continuing education courses

Redeemer College will embark on a series of mini-courses throughout constituency areas in Ontario. The first of these will be a course in the Biblical Psalms, to be taught by Dr. Bert Polman. Arrangements have been made to offer this course in Sarnia (April 22-23) and in Ottawa (September 23-24).

Several other courses, on a variety of topics, are being prepared for the Fall of 1988, and will be offered in other communities. Invitations for the College to offer mini-courses are most welcome and should be addressed to the Continuing Education Office at Redeemer College. ♦♦

Evening part-time studies

Registration for the spring evening courses begins April 1st. Don't miss the registration deadline of May 1st. The following introductory courses may be taken for credit or audit, and will only be held subject to enrolment of 10 or more registrants. They will run from May 17 to June 30. Limited housing is available.

Spring evening sessions May 17 - June 30

Business 121: Business basics. An introductory course.

English 103: Critiquing Fiction. Fiction in its major forms.

French 101: French for Beginners. For students with little or no knowledge of French.

Music 103: Enjoyment of Music. The basic elements of music.

Political Science 121: The Political Process: Law and Policy Making. The nature and study of politics.

Physical Education 100: Maintaining Total Health and Fitness. A study of positive health practices.

Computer Science 100: Computer Literacy - a half course beginning June 7 and ending July 21.

For more information regarding these courses, contact the Admissions Office at 648-2131 or 1-800-263-6467. ♦♦

Prayer and hard work characterize Presidency

By Daina Doucet

"I was astounded to be called to the presidency," admits Henry De Bolster, "but I accepted because it was just that—a calling. All I knew about universities was that we would need facilities, faculty, staff, students and money, and we had none of these."

Henry De Bolster, President of Redeemer College wasn't an academic and faculty member of a distinguished university. In 1981 Henry De Bolster was the pastor of Maranatha CRC in St. Catharines, and a man willing to be used by the Lord in whatever way He chose.

No one was more incredulous than Henry himself when the presidential search committee he was chairing requested his resignation from the post. The group had met on its own to nominate two presidential candidates of which he was one.

"I accepted," he said, "because I was very concerned that the leadership in society was losing its overall Christian perspective. I saw that more and more bright Christian young people had little choice but to attend secular universities."

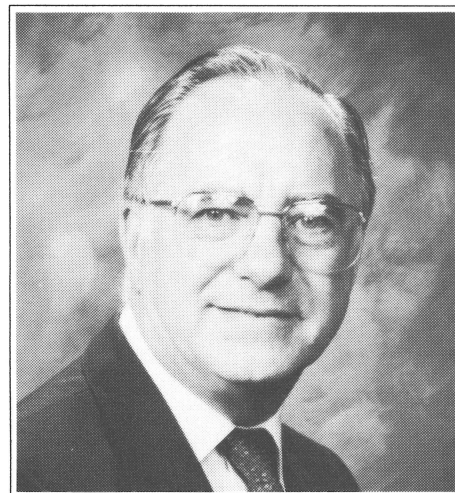
If this was the way God wanted to use him, he was ready to serve.

This year, Henry De Bolster will begin to serve his third term as president of Redeemer College, an institution which didn't exist six years ago. He was reappointed unanimously in January by the Board of Governors to a four year term ending July, 1992.

"I'm very excited and happy that I can continue to be involved with the College. It takes a lot of prayer and hard work, but that's fine. It's a joy." It's the prayer and hard work with which he associates the growth and success of the College, and says, "We can't account for all the fantastic things that are happening here if it isn't the Lord doing them."

The President attributes the phenomenal growth of the small College to God's daily intervention in its administrative activities, and stresses that success results from His providing the right people for an excellent team.

"Both the faculty and staff are dedicated, hard working and vision-



ary", he says, and especially praises the members of the Board of Governors and the Academic Council.

"I'm so grateful to these people. They're very dedicated and genuinely concerned. They give so much of themselves and their time, and even come from great distances like Ottawa, or Owen Sound to discuss issues and keep us on the straight and narrow."

President De Bolster's reliance on his co-workers for insight, guidance and support, and especially his faith and dependence on the Lord are qualities which are most evident to those who work intimately with him on a daily basis. Margaret Buma, who has been his assistant for 4 years, feels that the nature of his work often leaves him vulnerable to being misunderstood. She believes that few people realize how "tremendously dependent" on the Lord he really is.

"He is not daring in himself. He is able to step forward in faith because he knows the Lord never fails him. He has a wonderful faith, and when you talk to him you always sense how genuinely in awe he is about what the Lord does here daily."

She recites a metaphor the President is fond of using. He compares the frailty of the College to a young sapling that isn't yet rooted and grounded and can easily be plucked up and destroyed with just one strong wind. "He prays constantly that the Lord will allow this place to grow and become a mighty tree with strong roots." (cont'd...)

PRESIDENCY - continued

Faith, strong leadership, vision and sensitivity characterize the man who represents Redeemer College. He is innovative, yet concerned about keeping pace with his colleagues and the supporting community; he is able to assimilate an overview of the whole College operation, while remaining pastoral and caring in his dealings with faculty, staff and students.

"He makes an effort to be understood, and to understand," says Ross Taylor, president of Student's Council. "He is always accessible, and his door is open. He mingles with students, knows a lot of them by name, and is truly concerned with what happens here. He's highly regarded and respected at the College, and students are very happy with him. He is the one who took the vision of Redeemer College and through faith and stubbornness made it a reality." ♦

Royals hockey

Men's Hockey has just completed its 6th season of play. They finished with 15 wins, 4 losses and 5 ties, for a total of 35 points which has earned them a first place finish in the Niagara Christian Hockey League. The team also boasts the three top scorers of the league and game stars of the year. Playoffs began March 5th. ♦

FACULTY UPDATE

A loss for the College

Dr. John Bolt, Associate Professor of Religion and Theology has accepted a position as Associate Professor of Systematic Theology with Calvin Theological Seminary in Grand Rapids beginning August 1st, 1989. He will be with the College until summer of 1989. ♦

Psychology department expanding

Dr. Wayne Norman, of NorthWestern College in Orange City, Iowa, will be joining the faculty on August 1, 1988 as Professor of Experimental Psychology.

Clinical Psychologist, Dr. David Benner, of Wheaton, Illinois, will join the faculty on July 1, 1988. He will be replacing Dr. Harry VanBelle during his sabbatical. At the end of Dr. VanBelle's sabbatical, there will be three faculty members in the department of psychology to teach a full honours program. ♦

New tuition structure competitive

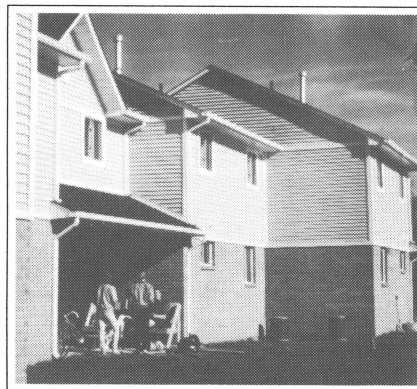
Redeemer College's new, reduced tuition structure is competitive not only with other major Christian universities and colleges, but is within \$1,500.00 of the rates charged by public institutions.

Kees Vreugdenhil, Treasurer for the Board of Governors and Chairman of the Finance Committee believes that with the reduction Christian post-secondary education will become much more affordable. "I expect many more students will now be able to consider Redeemer College as a viable alternative," he said.

At Redeemer College, as at other institutions, there is a range of tuition and housing costs. The costs of attending Redeemer College versus public universities are compared in the table below. On the low end of the range, education at a public university costs only \$1,471.00 less than at Redeemer College, while on the high end of the range, it is \$1,357.00 less.

The figures represent differences between the columns of low and high cost ranges respectively and can be offset by the work study program which is available to all Redeemer College students regardless of financial need. Through the work study program, students are awarded a grant which requires the recipient to

contribute a prearranged number of hours per week carrying out duties such as tutoring or assisting faculty or administrative staff. ♦



Low Cost Housing Available

Do you need a place to stay in the greater Hamilton area? ... consider the Residences on the Redeemer College Campus.

Available from May 15 - August 15, 1988

Single room \$ 20.00 per person

Double room \$ 16.00 per person (2 sharing 1 room)

Entire 4 - bedroom townhouse \$50.00 per night for two people \$10.00 per person over the age of 16 \$ 5.00 per person 15 and under Crib and highchairs are available at nominal cost. Call or write:

L. Janssens, Redeemer College (416) 648-2131, ext. 213

Tuition cost comparison 1988-89

	REDEEMER COLLEGE		OTHER ONTARIO UNIVERSITIES	
	LOW	HIGH	LOW	HIGH
Tuition range	4,680	5,850	1,050	3,104
Housing and food range(7 day plan)	2,600	2,970	3,500	5,500
Total Cost range	7,280	8,820	4,550	8,604
Grant and Scholarship average	484	2,600	1,741	5,700
Redeemer Foundation average*	2,516	1,959	N/A	N/A
Total Grant range	3,000	4,559	1,741	5,700
Net Cost range	4,280	4,261	2,809	2,904

* The Redeemer Foundation average amount is determined by the Redeemer Foundation. This assistance is in the form of an interest-free forgivable loan available to all qualified students. For further information on the forgivable

loan, please request the Redeemer Foundation "Student Assistance Fund" brochure, and the Redeemer College "Money Matters...." brochure from the Admissions Office.